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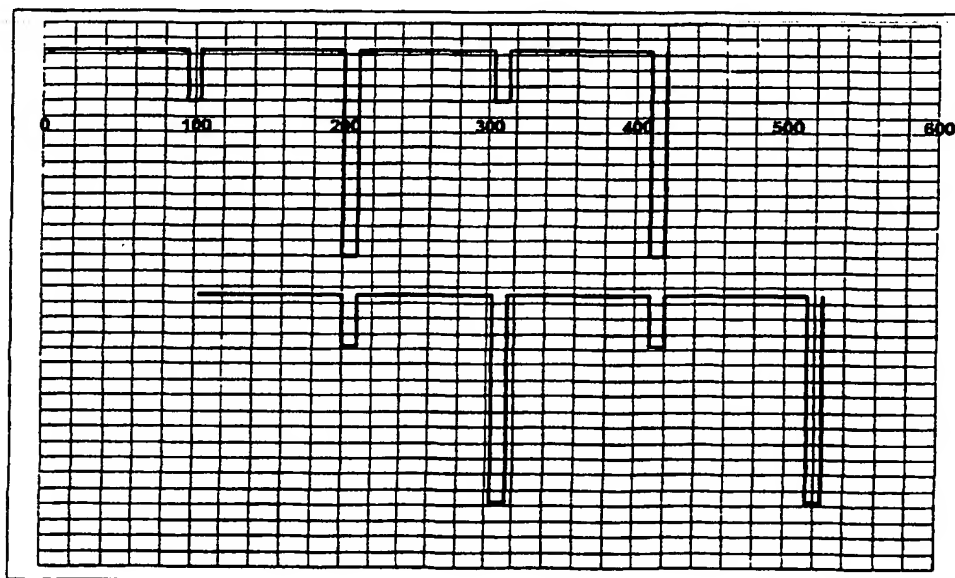
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(54) Title: METHOD OF ELECTROPLATING A WORKPIECE HAVING HIGH-ASPECT RATIO HOLES



(57) Abstract: In order to electroplate workpieces comprising high-aspect ratio holes a method is disclosed comprising the steps bringing the workpiece and at least one anode into contact with a metal plating electrolyte, and applying a voltage between the workpiece and the anodes, to the effect that a current flow is provided to the workpiece. The current flow is a pulse reverse current flow having a frequency of at most about 6 Hertz. According to the frequency each cycle time comprises at least one forward current pulse and at least one reverse current pulse.